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Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the forty-eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held at Headquarters from 9 June to 3 July 2008.

2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.

3. In section III of its resolution 59/265, the General Assembly noted with deep concern that the six-week rule for the issuance of documents was not fully complied with owing to, inter alia, the continued late submission of documents by author departments. It requested the Secretary-General to ensure strict compliance with the six-week rule for issuance of documentation. In section III of its resolution 60/236 B, noting the continued high level of late submissions of documentation, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-first session, through the Committee on Conferences, on impediments, if any, to achieving full compliance with the 10-week and 6-week rules for the issuance of pre-session documents, including, where appropriate, proposed measures to address such impediments. It also requested the Secretary-General to develop a clear accountability mechanism within the Secretariat for the submission, processing and issuance of documentation and to present a detailed report to the Committee on Conferences for its further consideration and analysis, in order to provide concrete recommendations to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

4. In its resolutions 53/208 B on the pattern of conferences and subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/225, the General Assembly: (a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that

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documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reason for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.

5. In section IV of its resolution 62/225, the General Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in their reports:

(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information.

6. In those resolutions, the General Assembly reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations marked in bold print.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Agenda item	*Document symbol*	*Title or description*	*Slotted date of submission*	*Actual date of submission*	*Estimated date of issuance*	*Status of issuance*	*Submitting office*
2.	**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**						
	E/AC.51/2008/1	Note by the Secretariat: annotated provisional agenda	20 Feb.	20 Feb.			DM/CPCS
	E/AC.51/2008/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation	20 Feb.	20 Feb.			DM/CPCS
	E/AC.51/2008/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)	20 Feb.	20 Feb.			DM/CPCS
3.	**Programme questions**						
(a)	**Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2006-2007**						
	A/63/--	Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance for the biennium 2006-2007					OIOS
(b)	**Programme planning**						
	A/63/6	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011: part one, plan outline, and part two, biennial programme plan (General Assembly resolution 62/224)					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 1)	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 2)	Political affairs					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 3)	Disarmament					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 4)	Peacekeeping operations					OPPBA

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	A/63/6 (Prog. 5)	Peaceful uses of outer space		12 Feb.			OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 6)	Legal affairs					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 7)	Economic and social affairs					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 8)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States		13 Feb.			OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 9)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development		12 Feb.			OPPBA
	A /63/6 (Prog. 10)	Trade and development					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 11)	Environment					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 12)	Human settlements					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 13)	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 14)	Economic and social development in Africa					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 15)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 16)	Economic development in Europe					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 17)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 18)	Economic and social development in Western Asia					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 19)	Human rights					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 20)	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees		12 Feb.			OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 21)	Palestine refugees		19 Feb.			OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 22)	Humanitarian assistance					OPPBA

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	A/63/6 (Prog. 23)	Public information					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 24)	Management and support services					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 25)	Internal oversight					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 26)	Jointly financed activities					OPPBA
	A/63/6 (Prog. 27)	Safety and security					OPPBA
(c)	**Evaluation**						
	E/AC.51/2008/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs (special political missions) led by the Department of Political Affairs and administered by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (General Assembly resolutions 59/275 and 62/224)					OIOS
	E/AC.51/2008/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-fifth session on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (General Assembly resolution 59/275)					OIOS
	E/AC.51/2008/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services entitled "Triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-fifth session on the thematic evaluation of linkages between headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (General Assembly resolution 59/275)					OIOS

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4.	**Coordination questions**						
(a)	**Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**						
	E/2008/--	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2007/2008 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))					CEB
(b)	**New Partnership for Africa's Development**						
	E/AC.51/2008/5	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations systems support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 62/224)					SSA
5.	**Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit**						
6.	**Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate** (General Assembly resolution 62/224)						
7.	**Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session**						
	E/AC.51/2008/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))					DM/CPCS
8.	**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-eighth session**						
	E/AC.51/2008/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee					DM/CPCS

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Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the General Assembly. The Committee should also take into account paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 59/267, in which the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as contained in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit.

2. In accordance with paragraph 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, when a report concerns only one organization, the report and the comments of the executive head thereon shall be transmitted to the competent organ of that organization not later than three months after receipt of the report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organ; and, when a report concerns more than one organization, the report, together with the joint comments and any comments of the respective heads on the matters that concern their particular organization, shall be ready for submission to the competent organs of the organizations not later than six months after receipt of the Unit's report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organs concerned.

3. Based on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit issued in 2007 and after consultations with the Unit, as well as taking into account the provisions

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contained in paragraph 1 above, there are no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit available to submit for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its organizational session (see also item 5 of the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2008/1).